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EXCISE 513

TO : MID - Mr. Martin
MID - Mr. Siracusa
FROM : MID - Mr. Clark
SUBJECT: Visit of [redacted]

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Reference is made to Embassy Guatemala's despatch No. 134 of August 4, 1950, which reported a conversation an officer of the Embassy had with [redacted] and one of the leaders of the opposition in the recent disturbances in Guatemala. The Embassy reported in the despatch that [redacted] intended to be in the United States in the near future and might call at the State Department to discuss the situation in Guatemala with officers of the Department.

[redacted] phoned me yesterday and arranged to call at the Department to talk with Mr. Siracusa and myself. He delivered himself of a 2-1/2 hour exposition on the political, economic and social situation in Guatemala. Mr. Siracusa and I found [redacted] to be an intelligent young man who impressed us with his rather thorough insight into the many currents of Guatemalan political, economic and social life which bear on the situation. In general, his information corresponded with that of the Department as reported by the Embassy. [redacted] said that he belonged to no political party and that his sole interest was that the Department had an objective opinion from him of Guatemalan affairs and problems.

[redacted] expressed a desire to meet with members of the Embassy from time to time to exchange ideas on Guatemala's affairs, and it was suggested to him that since Mr. Wells might be too busy at times to receive him at length he endeavor to arrange to talk to Mr. Fisher who follows the political situation in Guatemala closely. Mr. Siracusa and I promised to advise Mr. Fisher that we had suggested his name to [redacted]

Comment

From his exposition to Mr. Siracusa and myself, it would appear that [redacted] is deeply involved in the political situation in Guatemala although he vigorously denied that he espoused any political party or that he had any personal political ambitions. He is certainly well informed and might make a valuable contact for the Embassy.

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